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1. DRAWING ON ASSESSMENT PROVIDED REFTTEL, CHARGE BRIEFED FONDEPT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS ADMIRAL SUDARSONO ON U.S. VIEW OF INDOCHINA SITUATION. SUDARSONO IS IN OUR ESTIMATE BEST PERSON TO ENSURE THAT ASSESSMENT REACHES TOP LEVEL OF FONDEPT (FOREIGN MINISTER IS ABSENT FROM THE COUNTRY) AND KEY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS, WITH WHOM SUDARSONO RETAINS CONTACT, WITHOUT RISK TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INFORMATION.
2. SUDARSONO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR VIEWS AND STATED THEY PARALLEL THOSE OF GOI EXCEPT IN ONE INSTANCE. GOI BELIEVED THAT PRICE WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE AMENABLE NEIGHBORS ON ITS BORDER AND THAT FRICTION WITH INDEPENDENT-MINDED VIETNAMESE WOULD OCCUR REGARDLESS OF CHINESE FEARS OF SOVIET PENETRATION INTO THE AREA.

3. WE FIND SUCH ASSESSMENTS OF GREAT VALUE HERE AND WOULD MOST APPRECIATE THEIR CONTINUATION.

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